

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2003
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., with Darrin McGowan, Brian Sheehan, John Byrne, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman Goins was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the July 1, 2003 meeting were presented for approval. Pavey made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- July 20 will be "Raymond Gibson Day" at the pool. Admission will be free on that day.
- Attended a workshop sponsored by the DOC, IDFA, IHFA and Indiana 21st Century on "New Market Tax Credits". This is a new program putting Federal funds to work in communities that meet the criteria. It is very complicated and very competitive. One criteria is that 80% of the population must be low to moderate income.
- August 4 from 1:00 – 4:30 Region 9 will sponsor a training workshop for Economic Development for elected officials at the Batesville Public Library.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Chief Fudge informed the Board that he had received the resignation of Officer Troy Sampley, effective July 18, 2003.

Fudge also stated that he had received word from PERF on the approval of Brandon Reynolds.

Codification – Mayor Bridges received a call from American Legal stating that we would be receiving a report with what they thought should be repealed. We will then have 60 days to make any changes. Newhouse said he received that report in today's mail.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS * * *

John Byrne asked if a letter had been sent regarding the trash in the 300 block of Perkins. Danny Bennett has sent a letter.

Brian Sheehan said a letter needed to be sent regarding the unsightly weeds at the corner of 2nd and Perkins and also the old Republican Office.

Scott Murray asked if there was an ordinance regarding cars under cover, such as covered by a tarp. He was referring to 4 demolition derby cars being in someone's yard covered by a tarp. Fudge stated it was okay if they were being used for something such as racing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Resolution 2003-9 Imposing a Moratorium – Sheehan made a motion to approve the resolution with the addition to #3 adding **the property now up for sale by the City located on Fort Wayne Road**. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Renewal of Dental Insurance – Kevin Mandrell brought a proposal forward regarding the renewal of the dental insurance. Mandrell stated that no one had used the annual maximum of \$1500.00 and only a couple of employees had gone over \$1000.00. Therefore, he suggested changing the annual maximum amount of \$1500.00 to \$1000.00. Showing a savings to the City and employee. He also suggested to renew for a period of 7 months, making the renewal time of the medical and dental insurance at the same time of the year. Sheehan made a motion to go with option #3. With a monthly fee of \$2,429.84. The current monthly fee is \$2,527.36. The only change is the annual maximum will be \$1000.00 instead of \$1500.00. The effective date is August 1, 2003. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pavey said he would like it to go on record that Mandrell offered the change in the renewal times as a possible advantage to the City. Hoping to eliminate having to look at insurance renewals twice a year.

Bridges asked Mandrell if he had any idea as to what type of increase our medical insurance would be for next year. He said 9% would be a good number to use, but hoped it would be less.

Request for Funding Rush County Senior Citizens Center – Wanda Henderson thanked Council for their generous contributions to the Center in the past. She said that Rushville is very lucky to have the facility. Some of the benefits they provide are:

- serving 20,000 meals a year;
- outreach program, sending out 1700 copies of newsletters;
- van services, transporting to various businesses;
- they provide transportation with 2 wheel chair vans, and 1 mini van.

Henderson said they are a not-for-profit organization so the City's contribution is very helpful.

Resolution 2003-8 Adding Monies Back to Appropriations – Byrne made a motion to approve Resolution 2003-8. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – McGowan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Pavey made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

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JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER